HENRY S. ALEXANDER



Henry S. Alexander, born July 12, 1823, Washington County, Vt.

Married Mary Marstella of Harpers Ferry, Virginia. She died 1847. Married June Huston in 1848 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She died after child birth. Married Sarah Simonds Miles. Born in New York, Dec. 27, 1831. Married 23 July 1850. Died Jan. 14, 1904.

H. S. Alexander died March 6, 1903, Heber, Utah, first marriage, children Charles M. Arthur (died).

Henry Samuel Alexander, son of Alvah Alexander and Phoebe Houston, born 12 July 1823, in Washington County Vt.; came to Utah Sept. 1848. Married Mary Marstella, of Harpers Ferry, Virginia, at Nauvoo, Ill., 1845.

Henry S. grew up in his native Vermont. The parents and older children of the family in which there were three girls and two boys, became converts to the Mormon Church and in 1841 sold out their property in Vermont and moved to Nauvoo, remaining there until the exodus in 1846. Henry S., was a corporal in the Nauvoo Legion. From Nauvoo the family moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa, in 1849. Henry S. came to Utah with freight train of Livingston and Kinkaid and arrived in Salt Lake in Sept. The other members followed in 1852.

Henry settled in Salt Lake where he lived for one year. Then Brigham Young called him to build a saw mill in Mill Creek, where he sawed the first shingles to be made in Utah. Pres. Young called him on a colonization mission to Carson Valley, Nevada, in the early part of 1856, being recalled that fall. During the trip across the desert the party suffered from thirst, being without water for three days. Their tongues became swollen and protruded from their mouths. They obtained relief before any fatalities occurred from an Indian band they met.

Henry S. returned to Carson Valley in 1857 and was again recalled on account of Johnston Army troubles. He went to Lehi in 1858 and from there back to Mill Creek where he again took charge of the shingle mill for a time.

It seemed wherever the need was the greatest for building material was where Brigham Young called him to go.

He later built the Wanship Mill on Silver Creek, which he operated until 1869, when he moved to Midway, Wasatch County, Utah. While on Silver Creek he sawed the timbers for the railroad tunnel in Echo Canyon, in 1871 went to American Fork Canyon where he bought a Steam Mill and again sawed timber for the Railroad Co. He also had a mill in McHenry's Canyon and later Daniels Canyon; he furnished most of the timber used at that time in Wasatch County.

He was one of the representative men of Wasatch County, always took a lively interest in its different enterprises. He was one of the founders of the Wasatch Manufacturing Company retaining an interest in that concern until 1902.

From 1870 to 1901 he was 2nd Counselor to Pres. Abram Hatch. Thomas H. Giles was 1st counselor. The Wasatch Stake at that time extended to the Colorado line taking in the counties of Wasatch, Uinta, and including Ashley Valley. This Presidency laid out the town of Vernal, and visited every portion of this large district wearing out three mountain wagons in the work. They were men of high intelligence and executive ability, for 30 years these three men worked side by side, for the advancement of the Church. When they were re-

leased from this job Henry S. was made a Patriarch in the Church.

Henry S. Alexander was a pleasant and genial man, large hearted, liberal minded, honorable and upright in his dealings, held a place of high esteem and confidence of men with whom he associated.

He died at Heber City, Wasatch County, March 6, 1903. Age 80 years.

SARAH SIMONDS MILES ALEXANDER

Sarah Simonds Miles Alexander, wife of Henry Samuels Alexander and daughter of Samuel and Prudence Marks Miles, natives respectively of Connecticut and Vermont. Prudence, the mother, died in Salt Lake in 1851, and the father, Samuel Miles, died on way to his old home in Connecticut to bid his family goodbye before coming West.

Sarah Simonds Miles was born in Freedom, Cattaragus County, New York, 27 Dec. 1831. She was baptized into the LDS Church when eight years old, and came West with her family in 1849 which consisted of a half brother Ira Miles, two older brothers William and Samuel Miles a younger brother Arson and another half brother Gustave. She married Henry S. Alexander in Salt Lake City 23 July 1850.

Sarah's father, Samuel Miles, was a tailor by trade, and although only a little girl when he died, she acquired quite a knowledge of the tailor's trade and became a beautiful seamstress, using this art on the clothes of her family. She was a good practical nurse, and was often in the homes of neighbors and friends in times of sickness. She loved refinement and always encouraged choice reading, and music in her home. She loathed things coarse or slovenly either in talk or dress. She was a devout Latter-day Saint, deeply interested in genealogy and temple work. She was a counselor in the first stake Relief Society presidency and continued to work in this organization as long as she was able to serve. To visit the outlying districts in the stake often necessitated staying away from home overnight as horse and buggy was a slow means of travel.

She was a good homemaker, always immaculately groomed, as were her children. She raised a family of 10. A good mother and wife, she was devoutly religious. When friends called on Sunday she would say "I always go to Sacrament meeting. If you care to come along I'd love to have you. If not, make yourself comfortable until I come back."

She was ever thoughtful of the needy and gave freely of her substance to the poor.

She died at the age of 74 at Heber, 14 Jan. 1904.